

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 29-33 being canceled.

The Examiner allowed Claims 1-10 and 14-28, and objected to Claims 11-13 for reason of informality but indicated that the objected claims would be allowable if amended to correct the objected informality. Applicants have amended Claim 11 to correct the informality and respectfully submit that Claims 11-13 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawson (U.S. Patent No. 5,789,693) in view of Tsao (U.S. Patent No. 5,550,926). Applicants have canceled these claims without prejudice for purposes of filing the claims in a divisional application.

The Examiner rejected Claims 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawson in view of Shimoda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,465,644). Applicants have canceled these claims without prejudice for purposes of filing the claims in a divisional application.

The Examiner rejected Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawson in view of Shimoda and further in view of Meyer (U.S. Patent No. 3,338,127). Applicants have canceled this claim without prejudice for purposes of filing the claims in a divisional application.

In view of the above, all of the pending Claims 1-28 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request a speedy allowance of the present application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to

charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 39303.20339.01.

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